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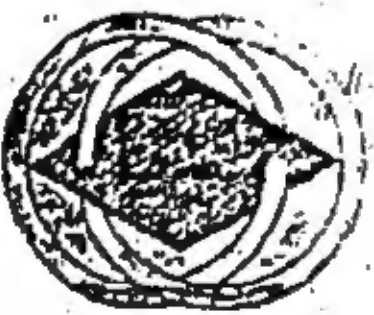
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The Rev. R. J. Northcott, C.F., preached at St. John's Cathedral yesterday morning, taking as his text "Thy Word is a lantern unto my feet, and a light unto my paths." Psalm 119, Verse 105.

The preacher said: When I was a little boy, a very little boy indeed, I was initiated with infinite tenderness into the mysteries of that great book the Bible. We started with pictures. On Sunday afternoons my mother used to take from its shelf a large rather dilapidated book, the leaves brown with age, and we younger children would gather round to look at the beautiful pictures. I imagine the pictures were beautiful although I cannot remember any very beautiful ones. I remember one of King Solomon holding up a fat little baby in one hand and swinging a sword in the other; there was another picture of a crowd of roughs, who might have been Chinese brigands, but who were supposed to represent Joseph's brethren, letting down the innocent-looking Joseph into the pit; and there was a really rather dreadful picture of the Flood, and one of the Crucifixion. Perhaps these were naturally the sort of pictures which would impress themselves on a boy's imagination. Of course, later on, I could read for myself, and although, like most people, I never read the Bible as often as I meant to, yet my whole conception of the universe from the Creation, and Adam and Eve, to that Great Day when Christ should appear on the clouds of Heaven, was taken from the Bible.

When you are a little boy you never really doubt that things are just what they are said to be, and although, like other little boys, I asked a great many questions, I never really doubted that the Bible was anything but God's Book—the Book God had written. I had a vague idea that it had been found by Moses on the mount, and no doubt in my imagination it was found printed and published in English, and bound much the same as the family Bible at home.

But life is not all plain sailing, even for a little boy. When I left home and went out into the wicked world I met other little boys, and these other little boys whispered these dreadful words in my ear: "The Bible is not true." I said: "What do you mean?" They said: "How can it be? It says in the Bible Noah put two of every kind of beast and every kind of bird into the Ark. Well how could he? Think of catching them, think of feeding them! Besides that, they couldn't build ships in those days, and even in these days you couldn't get a ship big enough to hold all that lot." I said: "There may not have been so many birds and things in those days. Anyhow God arranged it, not Noah." But my young scepticisms were not so easily satisfied. They said: "What about Jonah? A whale wouldn't swallow a man without hitting him? In any case you couldn't live inside one. Then look at that story of the ass talking to Balaam; that story of the ass talking to Balaam; well, asses don't talk." I said: "I am well, asses don't talk." But there was one question to which I had no answer. They said: "It says in the Bible that Adam and Eve were the first two people and they had two sons, Cain and Abel, and Cain married a wife. Who was Cain's wife?"

I will not say these youthful discussions robbed me of my faith, but I realise now very much more than I did then that they did fill my mind with all kinds of doubts which I had not thought of before. What it meant really was that the credibility of the Bible was at stake. If one thing was not true, how did I know that anything was true? And if it was not true, why had God put it in His Book?

You must remember I thought a great deal of these little boys. They were my heroes, and my friends, and I thought about them just what everybody thinks about the society in which they live. I thought they knew everything. There was no subject, politics or sport, sex or theology, which I did not discuss with them, and I would have sworn the wisdom of what they said against a team of professors chosen from the whole world.

But life is full of illusion and disillusion. There came a day when I made the pathetic discovery that the little boys did not know everything after all. Indeed, they hardly knew anything. But I made a further discovery. I discovered that it was just because the little boys did not know everything that the Bible was not true in the way I had thought it was true. Because I discovered to my amazement that it was not God who wrote the Bible, but the little boys had written it themselves. Not the little boys I knew, but little boys who had lived ages ago, and grown into men, and done their work, and gone their way. And by the little boys I mean, of course, my fellow men.

I had always thought that if God had written the Bible there was something wrong somewhere. But when I realised that it had been written by men who had lived and grown as boys in this world, who had laughed and prayed, and hoped and struggled, over the same great problems of life and death, and God and man, with which men struggle to-day, then I opened my Bible with a new sympathy and with an interest I had never known before. For here was the most human story in the whole world. No wonder men treasured it; it was the story of man seeking through the ages that which men were still seeking.

"That light which somewhere shines To lighten all men's darkness if they knew."

Moreover, I realised that these men who had lived so long ago were in a sense my brothers, ignorant and sinful like I was, cramped and confined by all the prejudices, the conventions, and stupidities of whatever age they lived in, but

still with great courage and ever-growing spiritual perception seeking for the truth. Here, for instance, was Abraham, a man deeply in earnest over his religion, about to sacrifice his son Isaac according to the religious custom of his time, and as he raised his knife to kill and looked into the eyes of his son, he realised, being so close to God, that somehow this could not be the will of God. That God must love the young life, as he did, and wished it life rather than death. Here again, much later on, one found prophets like Isaiah and Micah and Amos vigorously declaring that a man could not live as he liked, oppress the poor, and commit all unrighteousness, and then think he could make it up with God by offering sacrifices—"The blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer." A spiritual God could not be squared with material gifts. It was ridiculous to think of God like that. So, gradually, one saw developing in this wonderful Jewish literature, in a way it had not developed in any other literature in the world, that deeply spiritual conception of the High and Holy One who inhabiteth Eternity.

But there was much more in the Bible than this. It was not just the story of man groping through the darkness towards some faint and stationary glow of light. It was the story of a responsive God watching man groping in the darkness, trying for His part to come to him, but being Himself unable to come to man as He wished, partly through man's natural ignorance, and partly through man's deliberate sin. But all through the ages one saw God as a wise and loving Father dealing with his little sons; teaching them, little by little, line upon line, as they were able to understand; teaching them by pictures, by stories and allegories, by gifts and by punishments, gradually leading them on. So "when the fulness of time was come" and we turn over from the Old Testament to the New, we find ourselves face to face with a Personality of such shattering Truth, and Beauty and Love that even now, after nineteen hundred years of Christianity, men have hardly dared to try to understand what Jesus really meant.

This is not the subject for one sermon, but for a volume. All I want to do to-day is to suggest to the average man who does not read his Bible that the Bible is worth reading; that if only he will start to read the Bible intelligently its fascinations will never tire him, and its lessons will bring him nearer to Eternal Truth than any other book in the world. I agree with the man who says the Bible ought to be edited and published with explanatory notes. In these bustling days I question whether the Bible will ever be read by the great mass of men until this has been done. I am told that Dr. Glover and other scholars at home have begun some such work as this.

Everybody ought to know that the Bible is not just one book, with every page of equal value; but that it is itself a regular library; that it contains dramatic lyrics like the Book of Job; poems like the Songs of Solomon; historical and semi-historical narratives like Kings and Chronicles; and quite a number of merely legendary and allegorical stories which must be accepted like the stories of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table, which in spirit are immortal but historically quite unimportant. And I am quite sure it would be a great satisfaction to many Christians, and a surprise to many who are not, if they realised that, after all these years of criticism, no great scholar of the present day disputes the historical trustworthiness of the fundamental documents of the New Testament.

There is just one thing I would add in conclusion. There is a popular impression that in these days you can find out all about God without bothering about Him one way or the other. That is not true. All that has ever been discovered about God has been discovered by men who have sought God very earnestly, with love and with prayer, acknowledging their own weakness, but striving to follow faithfully where the Holy Spirit has led them. What the world needs more than anything else is men and women who will so seek and find God to-day.

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**PUKOW AS A SEAPORT.
FORECAST OF ITS DECLINE.**

In his report on the trade of Nanking in 1923, Mr. A. Wilson, Commissioner of Customs, states:—

Any appreciation of the trade of Nanking based on Maritime Customs statistics must necessarily be incomplete, as a considerable volume of that trade is carried by the two main railway lines, the Tientsin-Pukow Railway and the Shanghai-Nanking Railway, and of this trade the Customs takes no cognizance and exercises no control. The volume of trade dealt with by this office for the year 1923 amounted to HK. Tls. 37,175,222, as against HK. Tls. 40,993,444 in 1922 and HK. Tls. 43,124,492 in 1921. The decrease may be attributed largely to the unsettled condition of the country, due to persistent rumours of war, boycotting of Japanese goods, brigandage and robbery prevalent in the interior, and tightness of the money market during the last quarter. Rumoured misunderstandings between the respective authorities of Chekiang and Kiangsu provinces have caused unrest detrimental to trade. As the port of Nanking depends largely for its trade on the vast territory bordering the Tientsin-Pukow and Lung-Hai Railways, peaceful conditions in that rich area are of paramount importance. Robbery and brigandage have been rife, however, during recent years, though the extent thereof was not generally realised by the outside world until the outrage on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway Blue Express at Lincheng, on the Shanghai-Kiangsu border, on May 6th. As a precautionary measure, trains passing through the bandit-infested region now carry armed guards, machine-guns, and searchlights, and a system of policing the track is in force. The train schedule was altered so that the worst districts should be passed by daylight, and due largely to foreign pressure in the form of the Lincheng Note, General Chen Tiao-yuan was appointed Tupan for Bandit Suppression, with headquarters at Suchow. Desultory attacks have continued, however, on villages along the line.

Despite the regrettable Lincheng incident referred to above, the Tientsin-Pukow Railway has had an excellent year. In February the railway brought into service its new all-steel passenger-train known as the "Blue Express." On May 6th the Lincheng incident took place, and for nearly three months the through-passenger traffic was crippled. Notwithstanding this fact, the traffic over the line has been most satisfactory, and the gross receipts for the year will exceed those of 1922 by some \$2,500,000 and will surpass the railway's best year, 1921, by some \$2,000,000. The construction of the Lung-Hai Railway is rapidly approaching the seaboard, about 800 miles from Hsichow, its intended terminus. Pending the development of a port near there at Hsichow, a temporary one has been established at Hsinpu, 30 miles away, which is the centre for export of cereals and is also in direct connection with Hsichow, the salt-producing centre. It is proposed to ship cargo to steamers by lighter as soon as the railway reaches Hsinpu. The question of the terminus of the railway is still disputed by the Kiangsu and Hsichow provinces, who propose to extend the line to Hsichow. Whether preference be given to Hsichow or Hsienpu, Pukow is likely to lose much of its importance as a rising port, for railway traffic naturally will be diverted to the quickest route to the sea. Another factor which militates against the development of Pukow as an important shipping centre is the disproportionate competition which continues to exist between steamship and railway transportation, greatly to the disadvantage of the former, whose vessels obviously can have no share in feeding the large local market of Shanghai and have to content themselves with such crumbs as fall to them in the shape of cargo destined direct for southern or other coast ports or for direct export abroad. It is not an uncommon sight to see the wharves, railway sidings, and yards at Pukow stacked high with all sorts of cargo which is exposed to all weathers owing to lack of rolling-stock on the Shanghai-Nanking Railway, while the means of water transportation lies ready to hand but cannot be availed of because of the greatly disproportionate cost of transport by this means. This stumbling-block to the development of Pukow can only be removed by fiscal readjustment on the part of all concerned.

**BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE
DE CHINE.
SHAREHOLDER'S APPEAL.**

A case involving the whole question of the compromise settlement (réglement transactionnel) of the affairs of the Banque Industrielle de Chine, which was approved by the French Chamber and Senate, has just been decided by the Third Appeal Court in Paris. The trustee of the settlement called on the shareholders on the shareholders of the bank to pay up the last quarter of their subscriptions. One shareholder, Baron de Bastard, refused to pay the remainder of his subscription, until after the conclusion of the suit against the former management of the bank now before the Appeal Court.

The Commerce Tribunal ordered Baron de Bastard to make the payment demanded; he appealed against this decision. If he had won his appeal the consequence would have been that the shareholders who had already paid up their quotas would have had due cause for grievance, while those who had not responded to the call would have had the right to defer payment. The Appeal Court, however, have given a judgment against Baron de Bastard, who was ordered to pay up the remaining quarter of his holding.

**RUSSO-ASIATIC BANK.
SOVIETS' INTEREST.**

The Soviet Government has just acquired a dominating interest in the Russo-Asiatic Bank by the purchase of a large quantity of its shares through the intermediary of two Russian financiers in Paris, who acted in the name of an Englishman and a Ukrainian resident in London. The object of the purchase is to give the Soviet Government complete power to dispose of the Chinese Eastern Railway, which by law belongs to the Russo-Asiatic Bank.

It should be noted that this attempt to obtain possession of the railway and, it is understood, cede it to a foreign consortium, has encountered much opposition in France. It is understood that France has, in the name of the French shareholders of the Russo-Asiatic Bank, protested to Peking against the transfer of the railway to the Soviets.—Times.

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THE SHAMEN STRIKE. CANTON OFFICIAL REJOINDER TO CONSULAR STATEMENT.

The *Canton Gazette* publishes the following statement:—

The Commissioner of Foreign Affairs has read the statement issued by the Consuls-General of Great Britain and France published this morning (Friday, August 15th) on the subject of the Strike Negotiations and feels bound to issue an immediate reply for the information of the public.

1. It is hardly correct to say that a proposed statement of the Consuls had been kept back at the request of the Chinese Authorities. The Commissioner, believing that the consent of the Government was being asked for the publication of the statement, wrote withholding such consent, but when the Consuls explained that they were not asking such consent, naturally no objection was or could be raised by the Government and it was open to the Consuls to make public what statements they desired, as for instance, the one under reply.

2. The point at issue is whether the Lukangs (police) are to be reinstated, at all.

The understanding of the Government, which has been conveyed to the strikers is positive, namely, that the Lukangs are to be reinstated like the other public employees but reservation is made in that they are to be subjected to disciplinary measures as outlined in the "Gentlemen's Agreement."

The strikers have been definitely informed in this sense and indeed until the Lukangs shall have returned to Shamoen and been reinstated the "Gentlemen's Agreement" could not come into operation.

3. That the above is the proper and only construction to be placed on the fresh negotiation which began with the interview between Dr. Sun and the Consuls on August 6th and concluded with the acceptance of the final terms of settlement in the strikers' mass meeting on Tuesday afternoon August 12th, is clearly demonstrated by the following recital of facts.

4. Articles 4 of a proposed set of terms shown to the strikers on July 20th and partly rejected by them—read:—

"Public employees, other than the Lukangs, will be reinstated and their wages will be paid for the period of the strike."

The strikers demanded wholesale reinstatement and reversion to the status quo ante.

5. The whole object of Dr. Sun's mediation was to get over the deadlock as to the reinstatement of the Lukangs.

At the interview on August 6th between Dr. Sun and the Consuls, Dr. Sun suggested that with the view of a speedy termination of the strike the subject of the Lukangs should be separated from the strike by reinstating the Lukangs and then disciplining them as provided in the "Gentlemen's Agreement" afterwards. Accordingly, the above article was altered to read:

"Public employees will be reinstated and their wages paid for the period of the strike, reservation being made on the question of disciplinary measures in the case of the Lukangs."

It will be noted that the phrase "Other than the Lukangs" was deliberately omitted in the revised articles.

6. The Consuls in a despatch dated August 11th altered the wording of the above formula and the Commissioner, replying on August 15th, pointed out the discrepancy and requested that the agreed formula should be adhered to. After further correspondence was proposed, the following was proposed in the Commissioner's letter of August 15th:

"Public employees will be reinstated and their wages paid for the period of the strike, reservation being made in the case of the police on the question of disciplinary measures which shall be finally dealt with according to the discretion of the Councils."

The Consuls replied on August 16th stating that—provided it is final, we and our Councils are prepared to accept it. Such was the settlement on this vexed question. Both this final formula and the collateral "Gentlemen's Agreement" were explained to the strikers by Government representatives.

7. It may be stated that, the final terms of settlement were accepted by the strikers only after much persuasion, as a compromise in the interest of peace and an early settlement.

8. The strikers were therefore disappointedly surprised at the Consuls' action when the Lukangs returned to Shamoen together with the other Public Employees on the afternoon of Wednesday, August 13th.

9. It had been the strikers' desire to return to work at Shamoen in a body, and they explained to the Government representatives at the mass meeting the necessity for a couple of days' delay so that those who were cut off town could be sent for. The terms of settlement had been agreed upon but the time for return to work by all the strikers was not.

Consequently, the Commissioner dispatched Mr. Luk King-to immediately after the mass meeting to inform Mr. Giles that the terms had been accepted by the strikers, and to suggest that the time for return to work, especially of the public employees, should be delayed. To this Mr. Giles replied insisting upon the return to duty of the public employees the next day (Wednesday, August 13th). Mr. Luk desired to ascertain from Mr. Giles a detailed procedure for the strikers' return to work, mentioning the Lukangs and Mr. Giles said he left it to the Council.

Mr. Luk was at once dispatched to the strikers' headquarters to urge that special efforts be made to comply with the Consuls' request, and therefore on Wednesday afternoon, as all the world knows, the public employees returned to Shamoen.

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WEST-RIVER COLLISION. TWO RIVER BOATS INVOLVED.

Two river steamers, the *Chung On* and the *Ho Ping*, arrived in Port on Saturday morning considerably damaged. It appears that they collided at 8 o'clock on the previous night just below Wang-moon. At the time the *Chung On* was on her way from Kowloon to Hong-kong whilst the *Ho Ping* was proceeding from Hongkong to Wuchow with cargo.

The *Ho Ping* was slightly aground when she was struck by the *Chung On*, the stern of the *Ho Ping* being considerably damaged whilst the *Chung On* sustained damage to her starboard side. Fortunately, no one was injured. After lying to for a brief period to ascertain the extent of the damages the two vessels proceeded to Hongkong under their own steam.

The *Chung On* is owned by the Sai Hing S.S. Co., and she is commanded by Capt. Owen. The *Ho Ping* is also Chinese owned. She was formerly a small gunboat in the Philippine Islands where was known as the *Magnet*.

THE NEW CENTRAL BANK IN CANTON.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

Mr. T. W. Sun, managing-director of the new Central Bank in Canton, which opened for business on August 15th, has requested the General Chamber of Commerce and the Native Bankers' Guild to warn all their members against the possible depreciating and discounting of the new banknotes to be issued by the Bank for the Government of Canton. Mr. Sun is assuring the public that the notes are amply secured by specie. But so far, how much the total issue will be has not been officially announced. All that is known is that these notes will be legal tender and they will be in the denomination of \$1, \$5, \$10, \$50 and \$100. Among the members of the Board of Directors of the Central Bank appointed by Dr. Sun Yat-sen are Governor Liao Chung-hoi of Kwangtung, who will act as chairman of the board, and Messrs. Hu Han-min, Tang Chik-yu, Sun Fo, Yeh Kung-min, and Lam Wen-kei. The Central Bank has announced that it has a capital of \$10,000,000, Canton currency.

Mr. Chen Kai-woon, Commissioner of Finance of Kwangtung, a member of the Kuomintang Committee, reporting on the bank, said among other things, that the new bank will be the people's exchange bank of a new order, that is to say, the people will be asked to deposit specie in return for notes, and thus every note to be issued will be fully secured.

CANTON'S OPIUM TRAFFIC.

Lieut. Col. John Ward, M.P., in the House of Commons, last month asked the Secretary of State for the Colonies, whether his attention had been drawn to what is known as the Straits opium monopoly recently created by Dr. Sun Yat-sen's Government in Canton; whether he is aware that a large number of opium licensing bureaux have been established by the Canton Government, and that during the month of April, 1924 new opium dens were established for which licences have been granted for the smoking of opium; and, seeing that the proceeding is not in accordance with the recent convention relating to opium agreed upon by the nations who are parties to the League of Nations convention, whether His Majesty's Government are taking any action in the matter.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies replied: The answer to the first two parts of the question is in the negative. The third part, therefore, does not arise.

It is merely owing to the insistence of Mr. Giles for the return of the public employees on the 13th that any question should have arisen as to the public employees returning "prior to" the body of strikers—a point which seems to perturb the minds of the Consuls in the statement.

The documentary evidence and the circumstances of the negotiations being as above stated, it is difficult to see how any misunderstanding could have arisen. It is clear that neither the Government nor the strikers can take the responsibility for the delay in terminating the strike. Canton, August 15th, 1924.

BOYCOTT OF ALL FOREIGNERS ADVOCATED.

Our Chinese correspondent writes:—Mr. Ma Chiu Chun, Director-General of the Kwangtung Arsenal, and a labour leader and member of the Kuomintang City Committee, is reported as saying:

"The reason for the British and the French Consuls repudiating the agreements they have concluded with the Chinese strikers to resume work in Shamoen has been the influence exercised over the matter by Chan Lim Pak, who is asking the aid of the foreign consuls in helping him to restore his arms and ammunition. He has said to the British Consul that the merchants will soon strike, and that when this happens the Shamoen workers will glad to re-enter Shamoen. The British and the French Consuls have believed in Mr. Chan. The Shamoen strike will undoubtedly extend, and it is the duty of our party to back it up. We should not only boycott the Shamoen foreigners but also those outside. All Chinese serving American, Japanese, French, and British firms in the city should resign to compel the British and the French Consuls to come to their sense and end the strike early."

"THE PEOPLE'S MOVEMENT" AT CANTON.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

In spite of opposition of the Kuomintang Government in Canton, headed by Dr. Sun Yat-sen and Governor Liao Chung-hoi, to the amalgamation of the merchants and town volunteer movement, the formal inauguration took place in Canton in the headquarters of the Canton Corps, though without the expected enthusiasm. The public, however, ignorant of the inner disputes between the Government and the people as represented by the volunteers, had their general rejoicings, participating in the several entertainments provided for their benefit by the committee in charge of the celebration. It is understood that shops belonging to 24 commercial guilds in Hongkong also made the day a holiday for their folk and shop employees, decorating their houses and giving a dinner to their men in honour of the people's movement, as the volunteer movement is now called. The Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce for the Chinese was among the hundreds of Chinese organizations at home and abroad which sent congratulatory messages to the newly formed Kwangtung Provincial Merchants Volunteer Corps.

THE ARMS SEIZURE.

AN ORDER FOR CHAN LIM PAK'S ARREST.

The Labour Volunteer Corps, which is being organized by Governor Liao Chung-hoi of Kwangtung, who is also chief of the labour division of the Kuomintang, is asking that the arms and ammunitions recently seized from the Canton Merchants Volunteer Corps be handed over to it. It is thought likely that Dr. Sun will allow a part of his loot to go to this Labour Corps.

The arms and ammunition seized by Dr. Sun, in spite of the fact that all legal requirements were met by the importers, the Canton Merchants Volunteer Corps, are now being held at Whampoa in the custody of General Chiang Kai-shek, principal of the Military Academy of the Kuomintang in Canton. The Government will prefer a charge of smuggling against Mr. Chan Lim Pak, the commandant of the Canton Merchants Volunteer Corps, and has instructed Governor Liao of Kwangtung to bring Mr. Chan to justice, issuing a general alarm for his arrest, in case of failure to nip him at sight.

The volunteers, however, have published a notice refusing to accept the resignation of Mr. Chan as their commandant, thus publicly standing by him in all subsequent dispute between him, who represents the cause of the Corps, and the Kuomintang leaders. It is understood that the volunteers will take no action before August 19th, when Dr. Sun will dispose of the case at the latest. In the meantime, unofficial and informal discussions will be held between the merchants interested in the arms and officials.

Representatives from other than the Canton City volunteers are meeting and waiting in Canton for the outcome of the case, as many of them have also put money into the purchase also.

General Wu Te-chun, Superintendent of Police at Canton, a member of the Kuomintang City Committee, addressing the meeting on the import of arms by Mr. Chan Lim Pak, Commandant of the Canton Merchants Volunteer Corps, said: "It is understood that Mr. Chan is going to invite the merchants in Canton to oppose the present Government and to oppose the ruling party. Now our duty is to ask the merchants not to follow Chan Lim Pak, and to urge all our members to defeat the purpose of all anti-revolutionary persons."

CANTON'S RED ARMY.

The Kwangtung Labour Corps, as proposed by Hu Han-min, Liao Chung-hoi, Tam Ping-shan, and other Bolsheviks in Canton, will be trained by Russians and become a part of the Red Army, according to the present scheme of the Labour Division of the Kuomintang Political Party in Canton. A part of the arms and ammunitions seized from the Kwangtung Merchants Volunteer Corps will be used to equip the Kuomintang Red Army in Canton. Dr. Sun Yat-sen, speaking to a number of merchants a few days ago, intimated that it will be extremely unwise for the merchants to go on strike against the Kuomintang Government. The newly organized Red Army, of the labour corps, will enter every shop refusing to reopen at the request of the Government and take it over, thus beginning, in a small way, to nationalize the movable resources as well as the lands of the people of this city.

SEIZURE OF ARMS FOR CHINA.

The Singapore police last week effected the capture of more arms and ammunition intended for China. On arrival of the German passenger and cargo steamer *Albert Voelger* in port from Hamburg, bound for China ports, Mr. Alexander, A.S.P., boarded the vessel, and discovered, hidden deep down in the hold, six cases of Mauser revolvers and three cases of ammunition consigned to a certain party at a China port. Both cases were seized, and if a proper claim is not made they will in due course be destroyed. It is said that there were about 120,000 rounds of ammunition and nearly 400 pistols seized, and that to gain access to them about 2,200 tons of cargo had to be shifted. The consignment was for Tientsin, and the local Arms department deserves credit for the capture made.

(Straits Times.)

"HOW'S THAT TABBY?" CRICKETERS WIN BASEBALL MATCH.

A large and enthusiastic crowd, including a markedly greater proportion of ladies than usual watched Saturday's baseball match at Happy Valley between the Hongkong Baseball Club and a team composed of members of the Hongkong Cricket Club.

The American side lent their British opponents a pitcher (O'Connor) and a catcher (Verner), and this doughty pair, especially the former, were largely responsible for the victory of the Cricket Club by the decisive margin of 9 runs to 2. Their heart-hearted efforts throughout a fast and strenuous game, to bring about a win for their British comrades was beyond all praise.

The Cricket Club team had been practising zealously for several weeks, and Saturday's game had not been in progress many minutes before the good results of this practice were evident. The Britishers were out to hit, and hit they did. Whenever a ball was struck by a Britisher, and this was no infrequent occurrence—it went a long way.

The fielding of the cricketing side was very good, too, the quickness of their return frequently exciting admiring comment from American spectators. The more noteworthy of the British players, both in batting and fielding, were Owen Hugh, Verner, and Howell, who brought off a beautiful catch at left field in dismissing Wilson in the fourth innings, and Burns. The latter, while fielding at first base, had the misfortune to twist his ankle towards the close of the game.

The Americans did not put their best side in the field, and had to make two changes of players during the course of the game. Dr. Sun was not at his best, and retired from the game after two innings Houlihan taking the ball. In the sixth innings Proulx replaced Houlihan.

The score by innings was as under:—

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Teams:—

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H.K.B.C.—Proulx, E. Shank, Harlow, Joyner, Wilson, Bradford, Fetterley, Verschoor and Hogan.

JAPANESE INTERNATIONAL SWIMMER RETURNING.

TO MEET LOCAL MEN AGAIN AT

THE V.R.C.

It is stated that when the Japanese swimmer, S. Nakagawa, returned through Hongkong on their way to Europe, they engaged in impromptu contests against local swimmers at the Victoria Recreation Club, when, as might be expected, they practically swept the board of the various events.

They are now on their way back to Japan, and arrangements are in progress between Mr. Kimura of Hongkong, and Mr. R. C. Wetherill, of the V.R.C., for a return meeting at the Club, on Monday, the 25th inst. shown in a projected contest on that occasion between D. Lyon, who recently broke the V.R.C. record for the 100 yards, and K. Takahashi, who secured fifth place in the Olympic 100 metres (free style).

The local swimmers will probably be as under:—

50 Yards.—J. Johnstone and G. Razavet.
100 Yards.—D. Lyon and B. Rasmussen.
250 Yards.—(Selected from) C. J. Cooke, D. Laing, and D. Lyon.

Relay Race.—D. Lyon, J. Johnstone, G. Razavet, B. Rasmussen, and D. Laing.

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DISAPPEARANCE OF G. \$25,000.

THREE MEN CHARGED AT SHANGHAI.

Further action was taken at the Mixed Court, at Shanghai, last week, when the River Police under Superintendent Woodfield began the prosecution against three accused, charged with stealing G. \$25,000 from a cabin on the str. *President Jackson* between July 23rd and 25th while the ship was en route to Shanghai from Kobe. It will be recalled that complainant had left the money in a bag in his cabin, but later, upon returning, noted that it was gone. Accused were arrested when the ship reached Shanghai.

Criminal proceedings were at first undertaken by the C.M.P., Hongkong, but it was later decided that, as the offence had been committed not on land, the River Police were the proper authorities to act, and accordingly, Superintendent Woodfield took up the matter.

Mr. Whitmore (British Assessor) and Magistrate Li ruled that second accused, who thought he could get the money back in Hongkong should be released under cash bond, and be allowed to journey south and make the attempt. The others were remanded in custody until the results of the mission of the messenger could be ascertained.

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THE Balance of the S.S. "SAARBRÜCKEN" CARGO HAS NOW ARRIVED by the S.S. "MACHAO" lying in Holt's Wharf where delivery can be obtained. Damaged Packages will be examined by the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Anderson & Ash, on Monday, the 18th instant, at 10 a.m. All Goods remaining undelivered after 22nd of August, 1924, will be subject to Rent. [118]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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CONSIGNEES of Cargo from MARSEILLE, S.S. "PAUL LECAT," are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to Terms and Conditions of Storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on or after 18th August. Optional Cargo will be landed, unless Notice has been given (prior to Steamer's arrival). All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon within the free storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 22nd August, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriters on or before the 25th September, or they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 16th August, 1924. [1147]

S.S. "PAUL LECAT."

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Hongkong, 17th August, 1924. [1149]

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CONSIGNEES of Cargo from ANTWERP, LUNNIRK, LONDON and SAIGON, in connection with above Steamer are hereby notified that their Goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, where delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless Intimation is received from the Consignees before Noon, To-day, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underwriters. Goods remaining undelivered after the 22nd instant, at Noon, will be subject to Rent and Landing Charges.

All Claims must be sent to me on or before the 27th instant, or they will not be recognized.

All damaged Packages will be examined on Saturday, the 23rd instant, at 11 a.m., by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

R. BODENFUSER, Agent.

Hongkong, 17th August, 1924. [1150]

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

SILVER LOAN 1924.

ISSUE OF DEBENTURES FOR SHANGHAI TAXES 1924/25.

THE SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL hereby invites Applications for Debentures in the Silver Loan of 1924.

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APPLICATION FORMS can be obtained from the Local Office of the HONGKONG and SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION or from the Treasurer and Comptroller, SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, Administration Building, Shanghai, to whom all Enquiries should be addressed. [1053]

INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG CRICKET LEAGUE.

THE ANNUAL MEETING will be held at the Pavilion of the Hongkong Cricket Club (by kind permission) on MONDAY, 25th INSTANT, at 5.15 p.m.

H. OWEN HUGHES,
Hon. Secretary.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND of Seventy-five cents Per Share has been Declared and will be PAYABLE ON AND AFTER WEDNESDAY, THE 20th AUGUST, when Dividend Warrants may be obtained upon Application at the Offices of the Company. The SHARE REGISTERS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 6th AUGUST, to TUESDAY, 19th AUGUST, 1924, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
W. F. SIMMONS,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 21st July, 1924. [1054]

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI HOTELS, LTD.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that AN INTERIM DIVIDEND has been Declared in respect of the Financial Year ending on the 31st December, 1924, and will be Payable on MONDAY, the 18th AUGUST, 1924, at SIXTY (60) Cents per Share on the OLD SHARES, and at FIFTY (50) Cents per Share on the NEW SHARES (1924 ISSUE) UPON WHICH \$1 PER SHARE WAS PAID UP ON THE 31st MARCH, 1924.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th to the 16th August, 1924, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
PERRY H. SUCKLING,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 21st July, 1924. [1067]

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that AN INTERIM DIVIDEND has been Declared in respect of the Financial Year ending on the 31st December, 1924, and will be Paid on FRIDAY, the 29th AUGUST, 1924, at Forty Cents (\$0.40) per Share on the Old Shares (Fully paid), Thirty-three Cents (\$0.33) per Share on Bonus Shares (Fully paid) Nos. 171,000 to 209,000, and Six Cents (\$0.06) per Share on the New Shares (1924 Issue) upon which \$2.50 per Share was paid up on the 15th March, 1924.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to 29th AUGUST, 1924 (both days inclusive).

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 17th August, 1924. [1073]

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to 22nd AUGUST, 1924 (both days inclusive).

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1924. [1104]

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NOTICE OF CALL.

ISSUE OF 40,000 SHARES OF THE NOMINAL VALUE OF \$10 EACH.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 3rd CALL of \$2.50 Per Share on Each of the 40,000 Shares allotted on the 19th day of May, 1923, has been made by the Company, and that such Call will be Payable to the Company's Bankers, The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in Hongkong on or before the 15th day of AUGUST, 1924.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 7th to 14th August, 1924, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. H. ROWE,
Managing Director.

Dated this 14th day of July, 1924. [1045]

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, AUGUST 18TH, 1924.

CHINA'S "PROCRASTINATING."

It is amusing to read the views regarding China that have found expression in the Soviet Press since China "defied the Imperialist powers" by concluding a preliminary agreement with the Soviet Union of Socialist Republics. This was a treaty which according to the Soviet's principal Press organ, was "desired and approved" by the Chinese people, and it was made with the Chinese Government—that is to say the Government at Peking—as "the official representative of the Chinese people." The signature of this Treaty which defined only the broad principles of the relationship which as henceforth to exist between China and Russia, was to have been followed almost immediately by a Special Conference at which arrangements in detail were to be discussed and finally embodied in a Treaty. The Soviet representative in Peking—now exalted to the rank of Ambassador, which shows, by the way, that the Russian Union of Soviet Socialist Republics is not without some respect for dignities and titles—where it fancied that they add to the influence, and authority of its diplomatic representatives—has been constantly pressing the Chinese Government to appoint its representatives and convene the Conference.

Much to his annoyance, he is unable to get the Chinese Government to move in the matter. Even in getting possession of the Russian Legation and the Consular buildings in the Treaty ports "there has been much obstruction and delay." But while the questions relating to the handing over of these buildings are now settled, the transfer of the Chinese Eastern Railway is an undertaking in the agreement which the Government that the Soviet regards as "the official representative of the Chinese people" is powerless to implement. The Soviet organ *Izvestia* writes of the Soviet Government being "confronted by annoyingly procrastinating tendencies" on the part of the Chinese Administration which shelters itself behind the difficulties raised by various Great Powers and the attitude of CHANG TSO-LIN and other Chinese Generals; and the paper loftily remarks: "The Soviet League concluded the agreement with the Chinese Government as the official representative of the Chinese people, which desired and approved the treaty, and it cannot regard seriously the suggestion that it should enter into separate negotiations with the Diplomatic Corps in Peking and with individual Chinese Generals in order to accelerate the execution of the agreement." Yet, all the while that these negotiations were in progress every Russian diplomat connected with the negotiations must have been perfectly well aware that there were independent rulers, both in the North and in the South of China, who refused to acknowledge the Peking Government as the official representative of the Chinese people and they knew that these rulers still refuse to be bound by the diplomatic engagements of Peking. The Russians entered into an agreement with the Peking Government under no illusions as to the political conditions existing in China. They were well aware that the Peking Government is absolutely powerless to carry out, for example, its undertakings in regard to the Far Eastern Railway. If these are in conflict with the views of the Unborn King of Manchuria, who is not disposed to tolerate any interference by the Peking Government in the wide domains over which he claims to exercise supreme authority "by consent of the people," as he puts it. China's procrastination in making arrangements for the Conference which is intended to settle the details of the Treaty to be concluded between China and the Soviet, is no doubt due to the fact that many of these questions affect Manchuria more than any other territory, and the Peking Government recognises that without CHANG TSO-LIN's co-operation any treaty made with the Soviet would not only prove useless but inevitably be provocative of trouble, and possibly of an invasion of Chinese territory by Russia. Hence, the "annoyingly procrastinating tendencies" exhibited by the Peking Government.

Mrs. E. L. Dunbar, and Miss Elizabeth Dunbar left by the *President Telford* yesterday for Manila on a visit to Aguila.

The appointment of Dr. Robert Fowler Walker to act as Second Health Officer of the port is announced in the *Government Gazette*.

Sums of money amounting to \$3,500 are stated to have been stolen from the Kwong Yee money-changing establishment by two accountants who have absconded.

The mysterious theft of the Salt Commissioner's launch *Lee Sun* from her anchorage at the Yau-mai typhoon shelter on Friday night, has been reported to the police.

The Medical Officer of Health's return for the 16th inst. shows 3 new cases of typhoid—1 American, 1 Portuguese, 1 Chinese, and 1 imported case. Also two Chinese cases of diphtheria.

Saturday's police reports include the discovery of the body of a destitute Chinese, who had apparently committed suicide by strangulation in the doorway of No. 86, Connaught Road West.

It was inadvertently announced in our issue of yesterday that the annual meeting of the Hongkong Cricket Club would take place on the 25th. It should have been the Hongkong Cricket League.

To-day is the anniversary of the typhoon which struck the port of Hongkong on August 13th, 1923, and did considerable damage to shipping in the harbour and caused widespread havoc ashore.

It is reported that a mother shark, 8 feet long, and four young ones, each four feet in length, were captured by the crew of a Shaikwan fishing boat off Waglan last week. The creatures were sold to a restaurant.

The police are investigating the circumstances in which a Chinese was shot in the leg in Nathan Road, Kowloon, on Friday night. It is believed that the man failed to answer the challenge of a district watchman, who thereupon fired on him.

The approval of His Majesty the King of the appointment of the Hon. Mr. C. Montague Ede to be an unofficial member of the Executive Council during the absence on leave of the Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen, is notified in the current issue of the *Government Gazette*.

It is reported in a Washington cable to the London papers that H. H. Liang Shih Yi, ex-Premier of China accompanied by the Chinese Charge d'Affaires, called upon President Coolidge informally at Washington on July 21st to express the thanks of China for the recent remission of the Boxer Indemnity Fund.

China has followed the practice of Western nations in prohibiting the use of the national flag in such ways as might be disrespectful. According to the new police regulations, a representation of the Chinese flag cannot be used in any trademark nor as decorations on such things as women's shoes or children's toys or the like.

The following forthcoming marriages are announced: Mr. Roman Alfred Ockermüller, merchant, of Felix Villas, Ockermüller, to Miss Maria Knoch, en route from Vienna, Austria, per s.s. *Albatross*; Mr. Albert Edwin Atkins, Civil Engineer, Hongkong Hotel, to Miss Olive Ruth Cottingham, of West Hampstead, London.

Two naval seaplanes, from the aircraft carrier H.M.S. *Pegeus*, which for some time has been in Straits waters, are to visit Kuala Lumpur this month, in charge of Squadron Leader Tomkinson, R.A.F., and Flight Lieut. Liveock, with two other officers. They will arrive at Port Swettenham on the 19th inst. and will stay until the 23rd, when they will leave for Penang. The flight from Singapore is estimated to take about three hours.

The following paragraph is from a Home paper: "Jung Bo, wife of a prominent Chinese merchant at Victoria, B.C., returned thence from China recently with a Chinese woman, a most unusual sight for a Chinese woman. But she carried her shawl tresses in the shape of an exquisite picture of Marco Polo, which she had embroidered on silk with her own hand while crossing the Pacific. The necessary relief in the picture was obtained by the use of white hair, for which one of the stewards sacrificed a lock."

After thirty-four years spent in Government service in Hongkong, Senior Sanitary Inspector R. G. McEwen, A.R.S.L., retired on Saturday. Starting life in the Dundee City Police, Inspector McEwen left that force to come to Hongkong in November, 1890. He has two sons serving in the local Police. An interesting photograph was taken on Saturday morning of Mr. Justice Gompertz, Mr. James Kerr, and Inspector McEwen, each of whom has spent 34 in the Civil Service of the Colony. Mr. McEwen expects to sail for Home on Saturday next. The St. Andrew's Society of Hongkong will greatly miss a notable and popular member, who invariably attended the Heather Day festivities in Highland attire.

A NEW GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT.
MR. JOHN DUNCAN APPOINTED PORT ENGINEER.

It is announced in the *Government Gazette* that the Secretary of State for the Colonies has sanctioned the formation of a Port Development Department to deal with those matters connected with the development of the Port of Hongkong which have previously been dealt with by the Public Works Department. The head of this department will have the title of Port Engineer.

It is also announced that the Secretary of State for the Colonies has approved of the appointment of Mr. John Duncan, M.Inst.C.E., Chartered Civil Engineer, to be Port Engineer.

Mr. Duncan has been prominently connected with Hongkong Harbour works scheme for several years past. In 1911 he was Chief Assistant Engineer in connection with the construction of the Mong Kok Tunnels, and was appointed acting Engineer-in-Charge of the Colony's Harbour of Refuge Works. In 1916 he was placed on the permanent establishment of the Public Works Department and four years later he was appointed an Executive Engineer (2nd Grade). About the same time he was appointed Engineer-in-Charge of the Praya East Reclamation Works, and more recently he has been working on the general scheme of harbour improvement and development.

FACILITATING URGENT EXPORTS.

NEW LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS.

It is notified in the *Government Gazette* that, in order to facilitate the shipment of urgent orders for export, the following arrangements will come into force from September 1st, 1924:—

In cases where time does not permit of application at the Imports and Exports Office, shipping companies will be allowed to accept goods for shipment if the usual export declaration marked "Urgent" are handed to them in duplicate at the time of application for the shipping order. The shipping company will retain one copy and forward the other copy to the Imports and Exports Office attached to the export manifest.

This concession does not apply to dutiable cargo, or to any cargo for which any special permit to export is necessary.

THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE.

LEGISLATIVE RECOGNITION FOR FIRMS OF AUDITORS.

A Bill entitled an Ordinance to amend the Companies Ordinance, 1911, which it is proposed to introduce into the Legislative Council is gazetted.

The object of this Bill is to give the Registrar power to include the names of firms in the list of approved auditors and so to give legislative recognition to the common practice, which exists both here and in England, of appointing firms as auditors.

The Registrar's discretion over the list is not affected, and in general it is not intended that he shall add any firm to the list unless all the partners in the firm are in his opinion themselves qualified for inclusion in the list. Further, it is also intended in general that a firm shall be removed from the list if at any time it contains a partner who would not be qualified for inclusion in the list or who ought to be removed from the list.

AMENDING THE OPIUM ORDINANCE.

MORE STRINGENT RESTRICTIONS.

The draft of a Bill to amend the Opium Ordinance, which it is proposed to introduce into the Legislative Council on August 21st is published in the *Government Gazette*.

According to the "Objects and Reason" for the Bill, it is proposed by Clause 2 of the Bill to make the restrictions on dealings in raw opium even more stringent than they are now. In the first place it provides that every kind of dealing in raw opium, except of course, by the Superintendent, shall be illegal unless licence has been obtained from the Governor. In the second place, it makes unlicensed dealings in raw opium illegal whether the raw opium is in the Colony or not and whether it be ascertained or appropriated in existence or not.

Clause 3 of the Bill amends section 21 of the Opium Ordinance, 1923, in accordance with representations made by the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.

The opportunity is taken to make \$250 the maximum penalty for refusal by a revenue officer or police officer to produce his badge. It seems unnecessary to give a power to imprisonment without the option of a fine. The special penalties for obstructing searches, etc., have been omitted, leaving this offence to be dealt under the general penalty clause.

WEDDING.

STEWART-PROUDLOCK.

The wedding took place at St. Paul's Church, Bedford, last month, of Mr. Arthur Stewart, 210th Gurkhas, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Stewart, formerly of Hongkong and now of Kiangning, China, to Miss Dorothy C. Proudlock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Proudlock, Denehead, St. Brende, Jersey.

An account of the wedding in a Bedford paper mentions that the bride is an old High School girl and the bridegroom an Old Bedfordian. Mr. E. F. Stewart, brother of the bridegroom, acted as best man, and the bridesmaids were Miss Flora Proudlock (sister of the bride), Miss Marjorie Stewart (sister of the bridegroom), and Miss Peggy Wells (cousin of the bridegroom).

The bride was exquisitely dressed in a gown of ivory crepe marocain, embroidered with crystal beads and draped at the side. A wreath of orange blossoms held in place her long veil, and she carried a sheaf of lovely Madagascan lilies.

The bridesmaids were daintily attired in frocks of mauve georgette, over silk, with hats to match, and they carried bouquets of sweet peas. Their ornaments of gold bangles and brooches were the gifts of the bridegroom.

The bride's mother wore a beautifully draped marocain and georgette gown in a fashionable shade of grey, with ermine hat, trimmed with white feathers, and she carried a superb bouquet of pink carnations.

The bridegroom's mother wore a charming gown of beige georgette and lace, with hat to match, trimmed with shaded mauve flowers, and she carried a lovely bouquet of yellow roses.

The Bedford School Chapel Choir met the bride at the Church door, and to the strains of "Lead us, Heavenly Father, lead us," preceded the bridal party to the altar.

The reception was held at St. Peter's Hall, where the bride used the bridegroom's kukri to cut the wedding cake which was decorated with the badge of the bridegroom's regiment. Many telegrams of congratulation were received from friends at home and abroad, including messages from the bridegroom's father and uncle in China.

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PAUL LEGAT	31st July	1st Sept.	21st Sept.
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"MANTUA"	10,902	23rd Aug. Noon	Mars, L'bon, & Antwerp.
"SARDINIA"	6,884	2nd Sept.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"KALYAN"	9,118	8th Sept.	Mars, L'bon, & Antwerp.
"SAGAYA"	6,884	11th Sept.	do.
"KASAR-I-HIND"	11,430	20th Sept.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"SOUDAN"	6,886	30th Sept.	Mars, London & Antwerp.
"KASHMIR"	8,383	4th Oct.	do.
"PESHAWUR"	7,934	11th Oct.	do.
"MOREA"	10,911	18th Oct.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"SICILIA"	6,813	17th Oct.	Mars, London & Antwerp.
"KASHGAR"	8,840	1st Nov.	do.
"MALWA"	10,941	15th Nov.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"SARDINIA"	6,884	25th Nov.	Mars, London & Antwerp.
"KALYAN"	9,098	29th Nov.	do.
"MANTUA"	10,902	12th Dec.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"SOUDAN"	6,886	23rd Dec.	Marseilles, L'bon, & Antwerp.
"KHIVA"	9,097	27th Dec.	do.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	10th Jan.	Mars, London & Antwerp.
"KALYAN"	9,118	24th Jan.	do.
"MOREA"	10,911	7th Feb.	do.
"KASHMIR"	8,383	21st Feb.	do.
"MALWA"	10,941	7th Mar.	do.

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Ship	Tons	Departure	Destination
"TAKADA"	6,949	19th Aug. 1 p.m.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TALMA"	10,000	5th Sept.	do.
"TILAWA"	10,000	14th Sept.	do.

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

Ship	Tons	Departure	Destination
"EASTERN"	4,000	27th Aug.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday
"ARAFURA"	4,000	1st Oct.	Island, Townsville, Brisbane,
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Ship	Tons	Departure	Destination
"KASAR-I-HIND"	11,430	20th Aug. Noon	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"TILAWA"	10,000	25th Aug.	Moji & Kobe.
"PESHAWUR"	7,934	3rd Aug.	Shanghai & Yokohama.
"TAIKWA"	5,500	3rd Aug.	Moji & Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	8,383	5th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"SOUDAN"	6,886	6th Sept.	Shanghai & Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	4,000	8th Sept.	Moji & Kobe.
"TALMA"	10,911	18th Sept.	do.
"MOREA"	10,911	19th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KASHGAR"	8,840	3rd Oct.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,000	4th Oct.	Moji & Kobe.
"SICILIA"	6,813	4th Oct.	Shanghai & Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,941	18th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	8,383	1st Nov.	do.
"SARDINIA"	6,884	1st Nov.	Shanghai & Kobe.
"KALYAN"	9,098	1st Nov.	Shanghai & Kobe.
"MANTUA"	10,902	15th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KHIVA"	9,097	28th Nov.	do.
"SOUDAN"	6,886	28th Nov.	Shanghai & Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	4,000	8th Dec.	Moji & Kobe.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	12th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"TALMA"	10,911	27th Dec.	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,000	3rd Jan.	Moji & Kobe.
"MOREA"	10,911	10th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	8,383	24th Jan.	do.
"MALWA"	10,941	7th Feb.	do.
"KASHGAR"	8,840	21st Feb.	do.
"MANTUA"	10,902	7th Mar.	do.

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HOIHOW, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"TAMING"	On 19th Aug.	2.30 p.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KALGAN"	On 19th Aug.	2.30 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SOOCHOW"	On 21st Aug.	2.30 p.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"LUCHOW"	On 23rd Aug.	10 a.m.
HOIHOW & BANGKOK	"CHENAN"	On 24th Aug.	2.30 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SINKIANG"	On 24th Aug.	2.30 p.m.
AMOY & SHANGHAI	"SEANTUNG"	On 26th Aug.	2.30 p.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KWANGTUNG"	On 26th Aug.	2.30 p.m.
AMOY, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KUNGTUNG"	On 26th Aug.	2.30 p.m.
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